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PROVIDING REGIONS OF LOW SUBSTRATE
CAPACITANCE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This preliminary amendment is filed in conjunction with a divisional application filed pursuant to Rule 1.53(b) of co-pending Application No. 10/102,505 filed March 20, 2002. Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered and the changes incorporated in the divisional application prior to examination. The entire specification, including claims, figures and drawings, of prior filed patent Application No. 10/102,505 is included herewith. Please include the entire content of Application No. 10/102,505, which is incorporated by reference herein, as the basis for the divisional application along with the application supplements provided within this preliminary amendment.